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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 76-152 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) 76-152 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____. 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 76-104 and 119-152 drawn to compounds, and composition wherein R⁵ is homopiperidinyl, homopiperazinyl or homopiperidinyl group classified in class 540 and several subclasses.
 - II. Claims 76-104 and 119-152 151 and 152 drawn to compounds, and composition wherein R⁵ is morpholinyl group classified in class 544 and several subclasses.
 - III. Claims 76- 104 and 119-152 drawn to compounds, and composition where R⁵ is piperidinyl group classified in class 546 and several subclasses. *and pyrrolidinyl*
 - IV. Claims 76-104 and 119-152 drawn to compounds, and composition wherein R⁵ is pyrrolidinyl group classified in class 548 and several subclasses.
 - V. Claims 105-106, drawn to a process of preparing compounds, variously classified in classes 540, 544, 546 and 548, and several subclasses.
 - VI. Claims 112-113, drawn to a process of preparing compounds, variously classified in classes 540, 544, 546 and 548, and several subclasses.
 - VII. Claims 114-117, drawn to a process of preparing compounds, variously classified in classes 540, 544, 546 and 548, and several subclasses.
2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

The inventions of Group I – IV are different and distinct, each from the other, because they differ in structure and/or element so as to be patentably distinct and a prior art reference

anticipating but one of the groups would not render obvious the other groups under 35 U.S.C.

103. Group I – IV are unrelated because divergent class or subclasses of compounds and methods exist and each group is capable of supporting its own patent.

The inventions of Group V – VII are different and distinct, each from the other, because they differ in structure and/or element so as to be patentably distinct and a prior art reference anticipating but one of the groups would not render obvious the other groups under 35 U.S.C.

103. Group I – IV are unrelated because divergent class or subclasses of compounds and methods exist and each group is capable of supporting its own patent.

The inventions of Group V – VIII and I-IV are related as a process of making and product made respectively. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(d)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be made by another materially different process as in groups V- VII.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper. Additionally, besides performing a class/subclass search, the examiner performs a commercial data base search and an automated patent system (text) search. Moreover, to not restrict would impose a burden in the examination of this application.

Should the applicant traverse on the grounds that the species are not patentably distinct , applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species

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to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admissions may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) of the other inventions.

3. A telephone call was made to Adrian G. Looney on 11/01/01 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kamal Saeed whose telephone number is (703) 308-4592. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K. McKane, can be reached at (703) 308 4537. The unofficial fax phone for this group are (703) 308-4556 or 305-3592.

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Communication via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by applicant and should be addressed to [joseph.mckane@uspto.gov]. All Internet e-mail communications will be made of record in the application file. PTO employees will not communicate with applicant via Internet e-mail where sensitive data will be exchanged or where there exists a possibility that sensitive data could be identified unless there is of record an express waiver of the confidentiality requirements under 35 U.S.C. 122 by the applicant. See the Interim Internet Usage Policy published by the Patent and Trademark Office Official Gazette on February 25, 1997 at 1195 OG 89.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist, whose telephone number is (703) 308-2286.

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